mandatory for designated consumers to promote the efficient use of energy and its conservation.

Recovery of dues from SEBs and Power Grid Corporation

5593. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of outstanding dues to be recovered by NTPC from State Electricity Boards, or Power grid Corporation, as on 31st December, 1999 with details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether Government have taken action against the States for not clearing the outstanding amount; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the State Governments thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The total outstanding dues payable by State Electricity Boards (SEBs)/Union Territories (UTs) etc. to National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) stand at Rs.12424.30 crores as on 31.12.1999 including surcharge of Rs.4440.67 crores. State/SEB-wise details of dues are given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below)

(b) The NTPC and Government are taking up various actions/measures for recovery of outstanding dues of NTPC as indicated below:—

(i) The NTPC Management is pursuing recovery of dues with concerned SEBs/State Government.

(ii) The Special Incentive Scheme has been introduced by NTPC since September, 1994 to provide incentive to States which establish Letter of Credits (LC) to cover full amount of current monthly bills. By enhancing their LC to the required level, SEBs would be in a position to avail 2.5% rebate on payments made in four equated weekly instalments and also obtain reimbursement of charges incurred for LC operation.

(iii) NTPC at times also resorts to regulation of power to the defaulting States.

(iv) In case of new projects, NTPC is making efforts for payments safeguards in the Power Purchase Agreements signed for its new projects. These include back up of State Government guarantee for the LC.

(v) The position is also reviewed periodically by Ministry of Power and the matter is taken up at the level of Chief Secretary/Chief Minister.

(vi) There is also a dispensation under which dues as on 31.12.1996 are being recovered directly by Ministry of Finance through Central Appropriation and paid directly to NTPC. The amount of Central Appropriation received during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 in respect of the above dues was Rs.270.76 crores, Rs.376.61 crores and Rs.496.17 crores respectively.

(vii) A proposal for securitization for liquidating part of the dues payable to Central Public Sector Power Utilities is also under consideration.

(c) The reaction of the State Governments has been favourable and the developments are as under:—

(i) The TANDA Thermal Power Station was transferred to NTPC by UPSEB (now UPPCL) on 14.1.2000 for part settlement of dues payable to NTPC.

(ii) Bihar State Electricity Board (BSEB) has paid Rs.100 crores in November, 1999 and Rs. 160 crores in March, 2000

(iii) Grid Corporation of Orissa Limited (GRIDCO) has enhanced LC to Rs. 42.5 crores.

(iv) Delhi Vidyut Board (DVB) has enhanced LC to Rs. 138 crores.

(v) Haryana Vidyut Prasaran Nigam (HVPM) has enhanced LC to Rs. 76 crores and also offered bonds worth Rs. 250 crores in March, 2000.

(vi) Transmission Corporation of Andhra Pradesh (APTRANSCO) has offered bonds duly Guaranteed by State Government worth Rs. 635 crores during the financial year 1999-2000.

(vii) West Bengal State Electricity Board (WBSEB) have committed to pay to NTPC by raising bonds worth Rs. 200 crores.

(viii) U.P. Government has agreed to give bonds of 500 crores the outstanding dues of UPSEB.

Statement

NTPC *Outstanding Dues as on 31.12.99*

(Rs. in lakhs)

STPS/SEBs	Outstanding as on date	Surcharge Billed	Total Outstanding
West Bengal	82700	34230	116930
Orissa	48754	12780	61534
Sikkim	1832	535	2367
Bihar	145962	66401	212363
Damodar Valley Corporation	24513	20681	45194
Uttar Pradesh	179964	68410	248374
Delhi	133679	99204	232883
Assam	3498	716	4214
Jammu and Kashmir	14896	32428	47324
Maharashtra	27198	14718	41916
Karnataka	11360	5300	16660
Pondicherry	2232	500	2732
Tamil Nadu	18203	6822	25025
Gujarat	23606	15236	38842
Madhya Pradesh	30228	26145	56373
Kerala	7649	3346	10995
Haryana	14865	23692	38557
Rajasthan	14364	5029	19393
Andhra Pradesh	11884	5389	17273
Goa (Southern Region)	806	106	912
Goa (Western Region)	173	248	421
Daman and Diu	78	144	222
Punjab	58	1082	1140
Himachal Pradesh	6	925	931
Union Territory of Chandigarh	-126	0	-126
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	-19	0	-19
TOTAL:	798363	444067	1242430

Abbreviation:

STPS: Super Thermal Power Station.

SEBs: State Electricity Boards.